Special Status to States

†2713. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the States in the country which have been accorded special status by Government;

(b) the details of the financial assistance provided by Government and the fund actually utilized by the States during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the achievements in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The Special Category States are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura and Uttaranchal.

(b) and (c) Information on Central Assistance allocated and released to the States by the Centre, State-wise, is given in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Central Assistance allocated and released to States by the Centre

(Rs. Crore)

	1998-99		1999-2000		2000-2001	
States	AP	Released	AP	Released	AP	Released
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Arunachal Pradesh	534.82	525.57	574.17	571.54	609.[illegible]	591.01
Assam	1443.13	1343.13	1616.11	1449.66	1686.56	1544.27
Himachal Pradesh	915.41	757.98	809.71	945.99	810.89	952.92
Jammu and Kashmir	2459.24	2383.72	2631.98	2896.81	1963.26	1657.02
Manipur	456.27	417.51	506.08	561.78	565.86	413.41
Meghalaya	376.31	336.88	421.77	382.04	393.59	404.76
Mizoram	335.56	328.92	384.67	412.71	401.26	399.78
Nagaland	347.4	367.89	394.76	452.14	424.59	422.7

†Original notices of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Sikkim	251.52	253.39	329.92	296.49	263.81	266.36
Tripura	598.75	523.55	656.12	647.51	633.7	659.52
TOTAL :	7718.41	7238.54	8325.29	8616.67	7753.02	7311.75

Acceleration of works on Railways Projects

2714. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways have sought special grant to accelerate work on selected projects;

(b) if so, the projects proposed to be covered by the Special Grants; and

(c) the action taken to sanction additional fund to complete the pending projects in Public Interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) to (c) Railways have sought additional funds from the Central Government for expediting the completion of identified projects. The details of these projects including their estimated cost and the target date of completion, wherever fixed, are enclosed in the Statement.

Statement

Details of Railway Projects togetherwith their Estimated Cost and Target date of Completion

(in Rs. crores)

Sl. No.	Name of Project	Rly.	Lates Anticipated Cost	Status/Target Date of Completion
1	2	3	4	5
	New Lines			
1.	Panvel-Karjat : Electrified Line Phase-I	CR	106.90	Proposed to be completed during 2002-03
2.	Fatua-Islampur including material modification for extension of new line from Bihar Sharif to Bargigha	ER	131.39	Fatua-Islampur is planned to be completed during 2002-03.